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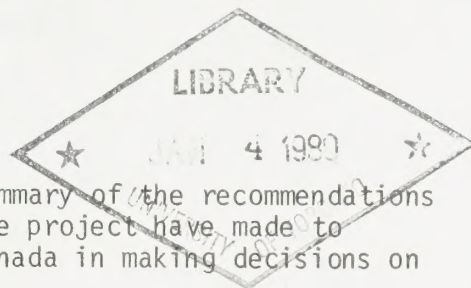
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Dear Participant:

Re: Lake Louise Development Plan



The attached newsletter represents a summary of the recommendations that the consulting firms working on the project have made to Parks Canada in order to guide Parks Canada in making decisions on the future development at Lake Louise.

The plans and recommendations prepared by the consultants were reviewed by Parks Canada and its Minister, the Honourable John Fraser.

The following news release of November 20th, 1979 identifies the portions of the plan which Mr. Fraser has approved, and the direction he has given to Parks Canada:

Calgary, [November 20, 1979] - A Plan to improve and upgrade existing facilities at Lake Louise in Banff National Park has been approved by Environment Minister John Fraser.

The Plan was prepared by consultants and is the result of two years of study during which various alternatives were subject to public discussions and environmental review.

The approved "action plan" received considerable public support because of its concern for the national park environment when it was first proposed by the consultants. The action plan is a five year program to improve staff housing, relieve traffic congestion and upgrade utility systems to eliminate pollution at Lake Louise.

Mr. Fraser said, following a recent visit to Lake Louise, that he was placing emphasis on the improvement of existing facilities rather than expansion. The approved five-year action plan will be focussed on the valley floor. This will result in one important modification to the plan, the provision of additional housing on the valley floor rather than on Harry's Hill. This change will also mean a saving of some millions of dollars.

Mr. Fraser said he will be seeking Treasury Board approval for the action plan, and he has asked Parks Canada officers to seek the most economic and effective options in implementing the five-year plan.

"The action plan will bring about the urgently needed improvements to Lake Louise over the next five years and set limits on development."

Parks Canada will now proceed to adjust the Action Plan by identifying areas on the valley floor for staff housing (as opposed to the Harry's Hill location identified by the consultant's report).

Strategies for implementation will now be advanced in accordance with the approved plan.

Yours truly,

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